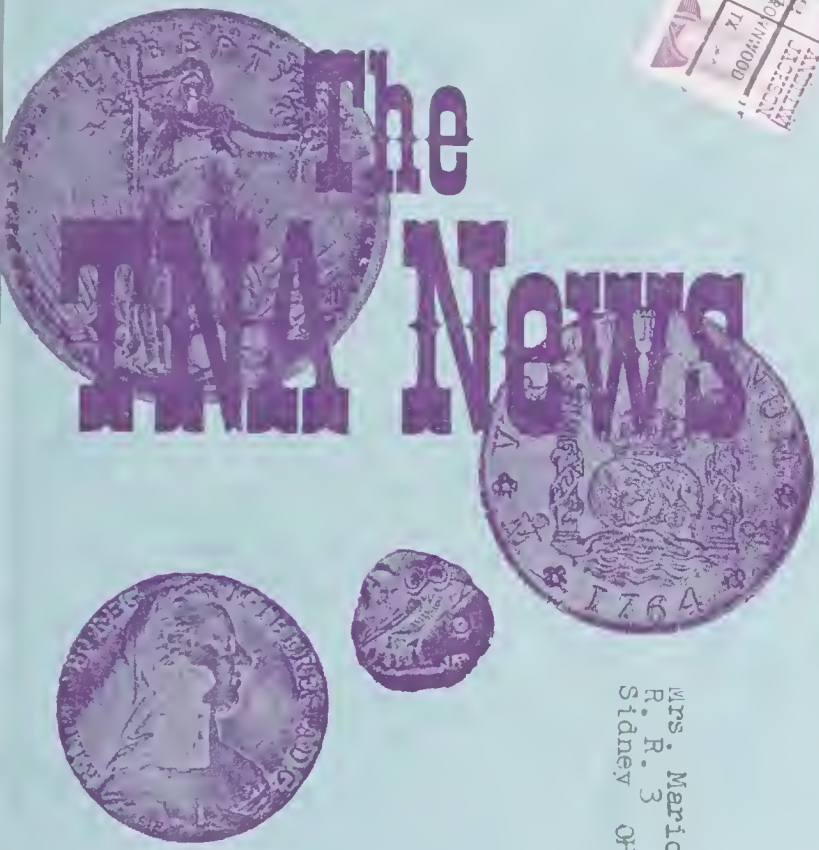

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AUGUST

The September issue of TNA News will contain a variety of topics.

5th REMEMBER - The of September is the deadline for the October issue

LYMAN BARTEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One fourth of 1972 has passed. What have we contributed to the growth of TNA? Have we been getting new members? We sure need more. Have we contacted those former members who just failed to pay their dues? Are we selling TNA at our club meetings? Are we providing adequate space at our shows for the TNA and ANA representatives? Are we using the TNA Memorial Library for both slides and books?

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There are a few districts that I have not visited but hope to in the near future as soon as plans are made for a district meeting. These district meetings do help to promote numismatics and I do believe help TNA. On August 6, I will be in San Angelo for the District 3 meeting and I know it will be a good one.

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The ANA convention in New Orleans in August should be a good one. I do hope all of our Texas clubs are represented at the club representatives' breakfast. I will be there and will look forward to seeing you.

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Have you written Miriam to tell her how much we appreciate the June issue with all the TNA convention coverage?

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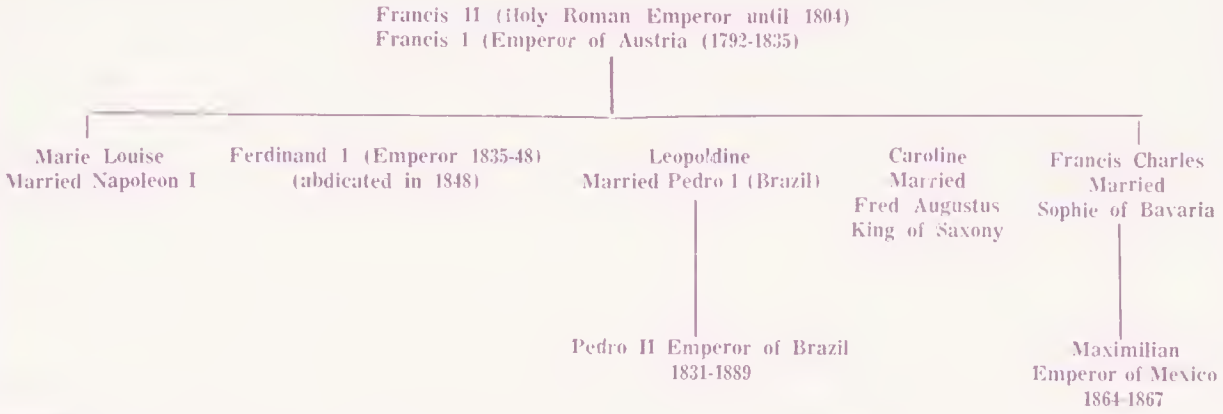
PURPOSE OF THE MAXIMILIAN SPECIAL ISSUE

The reason for this special issue is to tell the reader of information that has become separated or withdrawn from the public for many years. The knowledge of this information will enrich our hobby and lives with new friends, new historical data, and the opportunity to see and enjoy coins and stamps, some of which are of the rarest variety.

The genealogical chart below is given so the reader may see more clearly the first cousin relationship between Emperor Maximilian and Dom Pedro II.



WHAT IS THE MAXIMILIAN NUMISMATIC AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

The society was founded on June 19, 1967, the centennial of the execution of Ferdinand Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1864-1867. It was first founded as the Maximilian Numismatic Society but as the scope of the society grew the name was changed to The Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society to better describe the purposes of the society.

The society is a specialized organization devoted to the period of Mexico's history covering the French Intervention—Maximilian Era and covers the coinage, postal stamps, medals, decorations, history and other related matters of both the Republic and Imperial governments during this period.

Since its inception the society has grown into an international organization with members throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. The membership roster contains the names of many of the foremost numismatists, philatelists and historians of this period of Mexico's history.

The purposes of the society are to cultivate fraternal relationship among numismatists, philatelists and historians of this period, and to provide a means of acquisition and disbursement of numismatic, philatelic and historical information, materials and related items pertaining to this period

The society publishes a quarterly publication titled "La Cronica Imperial," which contains original articles on this period and republishes articles of interest to our members along with news items about the members of the society.

The society maintains a library for the use of its members and the library covers all phases of this period of Mexico's history. The library contains many out of print publications, with some books being in Spanish and some in English. The only cost to the member is the payment of the postage both ways.

The society has published, in English, a publication written by Dr A F Pradeau, entitled "Emperor Maximilian I of Mexico, The French Intervention, Its History and That of Its Coinage 1864-67." Future plans call for other publications previously unpublished in English.

There are three types of membership: Charter, Regular, and a special Junior membership. The charter memberships are limited to the first 100 applicants requesting them. These memberships represent the centennial of Emperor Maximilian's execution from June 19, 1867 to the founding of the society on June 19, 1967.

All types of membership are assessed annual dues as set by the Board of Directors. Present assessments are:

	Charter	Reg.	Jr.
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Annual Dues	3.00	3.00	$1.00
Amount Due	$13.00	$8.00	$1.00

Sample copies of "La Cronica Imperial" and futher information may be obtained by writing:

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Anyone desiring information about THE TEXAS CHAPTER of the Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society may write to the address listed below THE TEXAS CHAPTER is an affiliate of the national Maximilian

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MAXIMILIAN AIDE—The ahove pieture of Rudolf Gunner, aide and adjutant to Emperor Maximilian, was taken in Mexico in 1865. Gunner was a naval officer and in addition to his duties as aide to the emperor, was Director of the Palace at Chapultepec. In 1867 he was sent on a mission to acquire a yacht for the emperor and to hring it back to Vera Cruz, Mexico. While he was on this duty, the emperor was taken prisoner and executed. (Photo eourtesy of his son, Brigadier General Matthew J. Gunner, Retired.)

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Membership report of the National Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society, Issued May 31, 1972:

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Texas	16
Arizona	9
Mexieo	6
New York	2
Pennsylvania	2
Wisconsin	2
Colorado	1
Florida	1
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Kansas	1
Maryland	1
Missouri	1
New Mexico	1
Ohio	1
Oklahoma	1
Washington, D. C.	1
West Virginia	1
West Germany	1
Netherlands	1
	70

Charter Memberships Issued:

Active	42
Inactive (Five in five years)	5
Deceased	3
	50

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL MAXIMILIAN BY THE TEXAS CHAPTER

By: C. B. ROBERTS,
Corpus Christi, Texas

The Maximilian Society's calendar year of June 19, 1971 to June 19, 1972 has been one of excellence for the Texas Chapter. When our Chapter was officially organized on June 19, 1968, we had notions that we might acquire new numismatic and historical information. But where were such opportunities to come from? The opportunities did come and, we were lucky, observant, and determined enough to collect information that made us look like an "intelligence unit" of some merit.

Our numismatic opportunities were the easiest to come by because our Texas Chapter's membership is endowed with Maximilian coins and medals up to the greatest rarities and in the top grades. They will compare favorably with any Maximilian collection in the world. So, our numismatic successes have been the least of our problems.

Diligence enabled us to overcome our greatest challenge—the acquisition of both historical and quasi-historical information. None of this information was acquired by either our researchers or by our direct efforts. It surprised us by appearing unobtrusively when it was least expected. Our most interesting pieces of historical information were casually obtained.

A Dallas Morning News story of April 17, 1967—A HAPSBURG AS A LOCAL RESIDENT—tells of General Rudolf Gunner who was Emperor Maximilian's aide in Mexico. Gunner returned to Austria after the end of the Maximilian Empire. There he married, brought his wife and children to Texas some 12 years later. Only one child survives, Brigadier General Matthew J. Gunner (Retired). His home is in Washington, D. C.

General Rudolph Gunner settled in Dallas in 1885 where he opened and operated the first major book store in the city until his death in 1911. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Major John Henry Brown, noted Dallas historian and mayor of Dallas, is probably responsible for influencing General Gunner to locate in Dallas. After the defeat of the Confederacy, Brown fled to Mexico to become Maximilian's commissioner of Immigration.

Adolph Plentl allied himself to the Maximilian cause and journied to Mexico with the Emperor on the frigate NOVARA. It is not known as to whether he volunteered or was recruited. He was a musician of merit and when he severed his Maximilian connections he settled in Fayette County, Texas, where he organized a brass band and conducted choral groups. He also made what is considered to be the first phonographic recordings in Texas.

Adolph Plentl's grandson, Major Alvin E. Naumann (Retired), who lives in Castroville, Texas, and who is a member of TNA, is the source of this information.

Another grandson of Adolph Plentl, Perry Plentl of Alvin, Texas, has a backlog of legal records, letters, and personal papers that belonged to his great grandfather. We are hoping Mr. Plentl will share with us some of the contents of these papers.

Our good friend, David G. Luck

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GREETINGS

June 10, 1972

Mr C H Roberts
3743 Santa Fe Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Don Bailey

Dear Mr. Roberts:

As President o the Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of the Texas Chapter for all that you have done for the society and for the serious study of this period of Mexico's history.

Through your combined efforts much new information has been brought to our attention. Included in these new pieces of history are the discovery of the family of Manuel (ESCOBEDO) Duron, and the information they have brought to us the contact made with our new Fellow member, General Matthew J. Gunner, whose father was associated with Emperor Maximilian, and for obtaining information from Major Alvin E Naumann (Retired)

The several programs that your chapter has conducted have been a great help to the society and the information that you have brought to light from these programs have been appreciated by all the members of the society

Several members of the Texas Chapter were very instrumental in the forming of the society and to bringing it into what it is today. Past and present officers of the society have come from the Texas Chapter, and include former Texan, Richard Long who served as the first vice president, C. H Roberts as the present vice president and Joe Davis as one of the present board members. It has been through the efforts of these numismatists that we have been able to accomplish what we have thus far.

To you and all the fine members of the Texas Chapter I take my hat off to you all and wish you well in the future

Sincerely

Signed: Don Bailey,
President

DOM PEDRO II AND THE SECOND BRAZILIAN EMPIRE

By: DR. ALBERT I. BAGBY JR.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dom Pedro II of Brazil, whom Professor Mary Williams has so aptly called "the magnanimous," is probably the ablest chief of state that any nation in the Americas has ever been fortunate enough to have. And, it is somewhat ironic that a distant relative of his, Maximilan von Hapsburg, the so-called puppet emperor of Mexico a few years after Dom Pedro's time, was virtually of the same mettle, though history decreed that he was to live in a time and under circumstances which would render ineffectual his capacities for efficient and democratic rule.

GUEST SPEAKER — Dr. Albert I. Bagby Jr., author of "Dom Pedro II and the Second Brazilian Empire," right, is associate professor and chairman of Romance Languages at the University of Corpus Christi. Bagby spoke recently to the Texas Chapter of the Maximilian Numismatic and Historical Society. Bagby was born in Brazil of American parents. He attended Brazilian schools and speaks and writes fluently in Portuguese, Spanish, French and English. At left is C. H. Roberts of Corpus Christi, immediate past president of the Texas chapter.

Oddly, it is not so much a series of specific accomplishments that one is reminded of when thinking of Dom Pedro; it is more the unique atmosphere that prevailed—the sense of security, well being, progress in nearly every area of endeavor, and the unshaking socio-political stability which at once reassured and amazed even the citizen of that time. Part of the uniqueness derived from the contrast of imperial Brazil with other newly formed republics and independent states in the hemisphere, which vibrated with the tremor of unending political, social, and military coups, revolutions, and civil wars.

Whenever I am faced with the prospect of discoursing on this man's place and significance in Brazil's history, I always feel overwhelmed and humble, afraid that I might fail to do him justice. For even the most skeptical historian would be compelled to admit that this period was probably the longest sustained period of peace and prosperity to be experienced by any nation in the New World.

This is not to say that Dom Pedro's rule was without unrest. But the problems he encountered pale beside his accomplishments in dealing with those problems. Let us see, then, what his achievements were.

Those who envision Pedro II's reign as unstable do so because they divide his reign into three periods, each composed of some form of bel-

licose armed or social conflict: the period of civil or internal struggles, the period of foreign struggles, and the period of the various abolitionist and republican campaigns. Interpreted thusly Dom Pedro II's reign could scarcely be seen as other than one filled with chaos.

In reality such was not the case. From its very inception the monarchy was extremely benevolent and completely committed to progress in every area of the colony's life. This was partly due to the fact that, in complete contrast to the relationship beween the Hispanic colonies and their mother country, where Spain had taxed her colonies in order to finance Napoleon's war the Portuguese crown, allied to England, had avoided officially surrendering to Napoleon by transferring the entire royal house from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro. Thus Dom Joao VI, king of Portugal, ruled from the seat of his colony in the New World, and as a result the colony enjoyed a period of tremendous economic as well as cultural progress. Though no brilliant monarch, Don Joao himself was nonetheless a ruler and brought with his station the demands for comfort and a cultural environment suitable to his position. He loved Brazil immediately and was entirely responsible for the beautification and progress of Rio, where he promoted the opening of the famous botannical and zoological gardens, the construction of many roads and streets within the city, and the founding of museums and opera houses. When Napoleon was defeated and Dom Joao returned with his crown to Portugal, the fear that the Brazilian colony would lose many of the privileges and glories it had enjoyed as seat of the monarchy was short-lived. Dom Joao's son, Dom Pedro I, remained in Brazil and when later summoned home, refused to go, himself a great admirer and devotee of the Brazilian colony. When sentiment for independence began to rise in Brazil as it had (more violently) in the Hispanic colonies, Dom Pedro drew his sword and without a drop of bloodshed proclaimed the colonies' independence and the beginning of the first Brazilian monarchy. He was crowned immediately amid the hysterical approval of the people with whom he so keenly identified. Though his reign was not without internal conflict, his loyalty and devotion to the new nation and its people could hardly have been questioned. His abdication was more a result of problems in Portugal than of anything relating to his reign in Brazil.

Whatever sentiments there may have been throughout Brazil for a republic, and there were several upheavals of this nature, one cannot deny the success of the monarchy when compared to the endless civil wars and revolutions taking place all around, where many a newly formed Hispanic republic experienced one new head of state per year. When Pedro I abdicated, his son Pedro II, who remained in Brazil, was only six or seven and immediate campaigns were organized to proclaim him of age prematurely — a fact which is evidence of the overwhelming sentiment in favor of continuing the monarchical system. The sense of trust prevailed, and Dom Pedro II was proclaimed second Emperor of Brazil in 1840 at the age of fifteen.

The workings of the Brazilian empire can be explained simply: there were two great parties or factions which vied for influence throughout most of the century—similar in many regards to the political framework in Spain and in Portugal (but not to the Hispanic colonies.) These parties were the Conservatives and the

Liberals, who exchanged between them periods of varying success and failure. The Empire itself was structured under the Parliamentary system, under which there was a cabinet of ministers who exercised executive power. The success of the above body depended upon the support of the Chamber of Deputies, who constituted the legislative power. The Emperor exercised a moderating power, and where there was an insoluble conflict between the two above mentioned bodies, the monarch would either change or replace certain ministers or, if necessary, dissolve the Chamber. Dom Pedro II was reluctant to make totalitarian moves, however, and he created a complete cabinet of advisers for the purpose of determining what action to take, particularly in situations involving the possible necessity of dissolving the Chamber. The Emperor experienced some vigorous armed conflicts, prompted mostly by republican sentiment and virtually always from pure emotion rather than from any tangible accusation which the republicans could levy against the empire itself. Often enough these revolts and conflicts occurred due to lack of communication and correct interpretation of what was going on in Rio. The worst revolts took place in Rio Grande do Sul and in the far north, areas far removed from the central stage of activity, and transportation was extremely backward and difficult in Brazil—a country with more real estate than the continental United States.

The answer which may always be given to those who are skeptical of the Brazilian Empire or of any monarchical system is that however noble and desirable the idea of pure democracy may be, it is always open to the possibility that those in power may be mentally incapable of ruling—that they may be uneducated peasants or even morons with illusions of grandeur. Numerous cases could be cited. On the other hand, a monarch trained to fulfill the most noble responsibilities contained in the definition of monarchy, wherein absolute power presupposes certain grave responsibilities, and where a king must not only enjoy the prestige of seeming next to God, but must display sizable portions of actual divine virtue—where, in sum, the monarch exists for the general good of his people—then, such a monarchy might not be considered undesirable. Dom Pedro II was such a man, and perhaps his greatest enemy, that one which most kept him from unifying his people, was the enormity of his empire, with its accompanying communication, transportation, and geographic problems. Were we to have the opportunity of seeing this man rule over a modern empire, with airplanes, an interstate highway system, and good telephone service, we might well see the most successful rule of any monarchy in any time or place.

One is tempted to conjecture that Dom Pedro himself might have dreamed about super highways, planes, and telephones when one is reminded that he visited the Philadelphia World's Fair in the 1870's and showed such an interest in Alexander Graham Bell's new invention that the publicity received from this caused the hapless inventor to get on the winning track with the instrument the world could not live without today. Dom Pedro himself insisted on taking back to Brazil one of the instruments.

But leaving aside conjecture and speculation, what did this monarch actually do for Brazil while every other country in the hemisphere was in civil strife? After devoting approximately ten years to smoothing out various political and military pockets of unrest, in a fashion less

bloody and belligerent than most, Dom Pedro II in 1850 set Brazil on a path of conspicuous and tangible economic progress, a path for which his predecessors had already laid the foundation.

Industrial and manufacturing firms were opened in ever-increasing numbers, and though these were concentrated in the Rio and Bahia areas, and later in Sao Paulo some two hundred miles south and inland, their economic impact benefited most of the empire. Numerous maritime companies were founded to handle successfully Brazil's food commodities exports, and consequently the merchant marine saw a long period of continued progress. Both sugar and cotton continued to constitute Brazil's most important items of exportation for the international market, despite the increasing ouside competition from Europe and the United States. Later in the century the rubber industry in the interior of Brazil was fully exploited. Coffee, which was introduced in the eighteenth century and had a slow beginning, picked up rapidly, in keeping with the greatly increased demand for it in the United States, France, Italy, and Germany. Brazil's soil, well adapted to this plant, came to yield the product in such tremendous quantities that soon the nation would by far and away, become the greatest producer of the product in both quantity and quality. Coffee would, in fact, be Brazil's number one source of foreign revenue to the present day, and virtually its only truly remunerative product until the past ten years when the industrial revolution has brought the nation to its own. Where the north had been the economic muscle of the nation during colonial days, the emerging significance of coffee and later the cattle industry turned the south into the natural economic leader.

Dom Pedro II was quick to promote the exploitation of the empire's mineral resources by encouraging the creation of mining companies who would readily explore the diamond and semi-precious stone riches of the Minas Gerais and Goias districts in the interior, and what was most desperately needed, an intensified construction of roads across the country. Naturally such roads were meant for carriages, wagons and horses and were therefore of a non-permanent nature, since roads to accommodate the auto would not be needed until the 1960's. In any case, the empire depended heavily on its many navigable deep-water rivers, such as the Amazonas and the Sao Francisco, for the moving of agricultural and other commodities to market on the ever-increasing steamship lines.

Socially and culturally the empire benefited significantly from European and even Japanese immigrants, who were drawn to the south for the coffee growing industry. Germans and Italians brought a cultural diversification which, added to the African and Eastern element, had caused Brazil to become a true melting pot, both culturally and racially, promoting an atmosphere for harmonious living.

The stability of Pedro II's Brazilian Empire enabled him to fight at least one successful foreign war against a well-prepared and militaristic Paraguay, and this he did in order to help a Hispanic neighbor. Well informed historians readily admit Brazil's singular contribution in the military and economic theater against this surprisingly formidable enemy, who would undoubtedly have defeated Argentina and Uruguay alone. The war lasted from 1865 to 1870, and did far more to promote national awareness, unity, and pride

[illegible] did to foster resentment for this short period of economic rest.

When Dom Pedro II was forced to abdicate the throne in 1889, he was probably as stunned about being asked to do so as those who so irrationally demanded it. At the proclamation of the republic Dom Pedro could steadily look about him and see not only half a century of unprecedented stability and progress, but a land with a miscegenated fourteen million people, nine thousand [illegible] of railroad tracks, and steamships connecting the country from its northern to its southern borders. Possibly no one when asked could give suitable answer as to why a monarch such as this was forced to abdicate. And anyone who pretended to be able should at least blush while doing so. Perhaps as good as any was the question of slavery which incidentally was resolved with virtually no bloodshed, largely through the efforts of the royal princess Isabel herself. Both abolitionists and republicans were not able to see beyond the somewhat faulty equation that slavery and empire were synonymous and an evil which had to be destroyed if the nation were to enjoy progress, possible only with abolition and the republic. Ironically, slavery was actually abolished under the empire, in 1888, one year before the proclamation of the republic.

In **Dom Pedro the Magnanimous** (New York, Octagon Books, Inc., 1966) Professor Williams points out that more often than not, a successful emperor is first a great man; Dom Pedro II was one of the most notable men of the nineteenth century. No intellectual genius, he did have mental capacities well above average, and he used those capacities to provide for the Brazilian people the best that human thinking across the globe had made available. He was modest, simple, and democratic; he set high goals and was vigorously committed to duty as he saw it. He possessed an undying enthusiasm for learning and a capacity to subordinate material values to spiritual and intellectual ones. His integrity, understanding, piety, and Christlike kindness made him one of the finest personalities of modern times. As man and monarch he possessed that unsurpassable greatness which is greatness of character and which made him a credit and an honor to humanity. Dom Pedro the Magnanimous could well have been called Dom Pedro the Magnificent.

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS —

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head—an accountant executive with a local brokerage firm, "shocked" us with the pleasant news that he was personally acquainted with the great-grandson of General Marrino Escobar, the Mexican general to whom Emperor Maximilian surrendered his sword on May 15, 1867. Futhermore, we were "stunned" with delight to learn that the great-grandson resided in our home town of Corpus Christi, Texas and that he was available for visitations by members of our Society.

Senor Manuel E. (ESCOBEDO) Duron has been a resident of Corpus Christi since February 22, 1943. He is regarded as one of the best welders in the area.

Both Senor Duron and Mrs. Duron's great-grandmothers were maids in the service of Empress Carlota. This summer the Durons will travel in Mexico and visit with relatives who may have more information about their famous ancestors.

BRAZILIAN COINS—
. . . . . legal tender in the USA

By: C. H. ROBERTS.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Brazilian gold coins of Dom Pedro I and Dom Pedro II were legalized by the congressional Act of June 28, 1834. "to pass as money within the United States for payment of all debts." The Act recognized only certain foreign coins as legal tender. The approved coins were tariffed to show their specific contents as to weight and fineness with their conversion values into U.S. dollars.

The Empire rated their coins 916 2/3 fine but our assayers consistently found them to be 913½ to 914½. Prior to and after the inception of the Brazilian Empire, Portuguese gold had legal status in the U.S.A. It was apparent that the Brazilians learned to rate the gold content of their comage from the former mother country for our assayers continually ascertained the Portuguese coinage at 913½ to 914½ instead of their professed 916 2/3.

It is interesting to know that the largest and the smallest gold coins that circulated as legal tender in the U.S.A. were minted in the colony of Brazil by the mother country Portugal. The 20,000 Reis (F-20 second edition) being the largest with the 400 Reis (F-56 and F-57 second edition) being the smallest

The Portuguese Joe (or Jo) was nicknamed as such by the American colonist because the portraits of three Portuguese kings appeared on the eight escudos (Portugal) and the

DOM PEDRO II, THE CHILD

All legends (both reverses and obverses) are the same on the gold coins of the Brazilian Empire. Read the legend information under the picture DOM PEDRO I IN NAVAL UNIFORM. Other features on this obverse are: the head, the mint mark R (Rio) and the date beneath the head near the rim's edge. Remaining designs of the reverse: crowned imperial arms within a wreath with the value (6,400 Reis) stamped underneath the design. This coin was accepted as U.S.A. legal tender for $8.75. The weight is 14.3 grams and the diameter is 31 mm.

DOM PEDRO II, THE MAN

The remarks about the legends for the coin DOM PEDRO II, THE CHILD will apply to this coin. The remaining features of this obverse are the bearded head with the date stamped beneath it. The reverse shows an enlarged design of the crowned shield of arms with the wreath appearing on each side. The coin was tariffed for $10.93 U.S.A. legal tender. It weighed 17.9296 grams. The diameter is 31 mm.

6400 Reis (Brazil). These kings were John V, Joseph I, and John VI; Dom Pedro II's great-great-great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and grandfather. An examination of the Latin spelling of the names engraved on these gold pieces shows how American humor adopted the JOE (or JO) part of this terminology. For example:

JOannes is the Latin spelling for John.

The Portugueses spelling is Joao.

JOsephus is the Latin spelling for Joseph.

In Portugueses it is Jose

The denomination ESCUDO was applied to the Portuguese coins because of the large royal shield (escudo) engraved on their reverses. REAL (kingly or royal) was adapted to the Brazilian monetary unit because it properly referred to the ruler of the mother country—Portugal. The plural of REAL is REIS. A Brazilian Currency Reform Act changed the monetary system from REAL/REIS to CRUZEIRO/CRUZEIROS in 1942.

All Brazilian gold coins are considered to be scarce. The gold coins of both Brazil and Portugal were not abundant in circulation in the U.S.A. from January 1837 until their demonitization by the Act of February 21, 1857, when foreign coins ceased to be legally recognized as legal tender. When Mint Director James Ross Snowden made a report to Congress on January 28, 1854 about the supplies of foreign coins available, he said "it is very rare to find any longer in circulation a gold coin of either Portugal or Brazil. They are only known amongst us as curiosities and it is believed that they are scarce in their own countries."

Because of the Brazilian control of the Brazilian silver mines, it was both cheaper and more convenient for Brazil (the colony and later the sovereign country) to restamp the Spanish-American dollar to supply the deficiencies in their currencies. Only the restamped varieties of John, Prince Regent; John VI, as King; and Pedro I as Emperor were acceptable in the United States as legal tender by the Act of June 25,

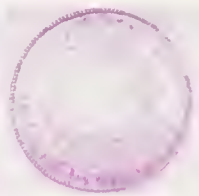
OBVERSE

REVERSE

960 Reis Silver 1816

Obverse—Crowned Arms of Portugal with John, Prince Regent engraved in legend.

Reverse—Cross with mint mark B (Bahia) on band of globe.



OBVERSE

REVERSE

960 Reis Silver 1819

Obverse—Crown over value. Engraved legend recognizes John VI as King of Portugal, Brazil, etc.

Reverse—Portugal Arms impressed on globe of cross.

This was the largest silver coin of that era. Its diameter (37 to 39 mm.) would qualify it to be in the dollar class, it was too thin, and therefore too light to be classified. Some writers would refer it as "a wafer type coin."

1834. To qualify as legal tender the specifications were rigid, for example:

1. Adequate traces of Spanish-American eight reales must be identifiable beneath the 960 Reis overstrike.

2. If the 960 Reis overstrike did not permit identifications of a Spanish-American eight reales then the weight must approximate that of an unstamped Spanish-American eight reales with a small allowance for wear and tear.

WRITER'S NOTE: The Maximilian coinages were not discussed in this SPECIAL ISSUE because:

1. They have been discussed fully in both the TNA NEWS and other numismatic publications.

2. As stated in the preface, the scope of this ISSUE is to discuss subjects related to the MAXIMILIAN EMPIRE that are frequently referred to in the numismatic publications.

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ONE OF THE PORTUGUESE JOES

Bust of John, Prince Regent. Reverse reads "John by the Grace of God, Prince Regent of Portugal and Algarve. When issued this coin was tariffed at $8.74 U.S. legal tender. It weighs 14.3 grams—the diameter is 32 mm. Brazilian valuation is 6,400 Reis.

DOM PEDRO I IN NAVAL UNIFORM

Obverse—Legend reads "Pedro I by the Grace of God Constitutional Emperor and Perpetual Defender of Brazil." Reverse—Legend "By This Sign We Shall Conquer." Crowned shield of arms with wreath on each side. 1,000 Reis valuation stamped at the lower edge above the rim. When issued this coin was accepted as $5.00 U.S. legal tender. Its weight is 8.2 grams. The diameter 27 mm.

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NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER
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Norma Mather

"The Crescent City," August 15-19 — You've had reminders that the 81st Anniversary Convention of ANA will be at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, closer to us than any convention since Houston. If it is at all possible I'd like to urge you to attend, if only for one day.

At an ANA convention names and faces you have heard and read about come alive, you have a chance to get acquainted with the top folks in the hobby, to learn further why I contend that it's the people who "make" a convention.

At an ANA convention are displayed the most exciting exhibits you will find anywhere (except in a museum, perhaps) in infinite variety of materials and presentation.

At an ANA convention you will find top dealers from everywhere. They bring only their choicest wares because of limited space so the bourse is really an exhibit area in itself, as well as a trading floor.

At an ANA convention there is a 3-session auction where one can find real bargains or see choice things go at "never before" prices.

In connection with an ANA convention there are always tours of historical, natural, scientific and fun places. There are special educational and commercial exhibits and out standing numismatic forums, pre sented by recognized authorities in dif ferent fields.

See you in New Orleans? I'll be looking for you! Do be sure that your club has a representative at the club representatives' breakfast August 19. Who from Texas will be winning what awards this year? Surely someone.

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If your club is a member of ANA your program chairman can order the two new slide sets on large size U.S. Paper Money recently donated by Aubrey Beebee of Omaha or the two new sets on Crown Size Coins of the World from master transparencies furnished by Bob Berman, a Los Angeles collector.

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This is the month of the big ANA convention in New Orleans and many of us are eagerly looking forward to meeting with friends and joining in the numismatic fun and entertainment that will be offered.

It should be a good place to get some ideas that may be useful in planning for your participation in our own TNA convention in 1973 in Fort Worth. If you plan to exhibit (and I hope you do), you may get just the idea that will help you to win the award that you seek. Just in case you haven't heard, we hope to again have the Frank O'Sullivan Classical award for ancient coins, the Harvey Bruns award for Mexican coins, and the W. A. Philpott award for U.S. paper money. Then there will be the competitive awards given by TNA consisting of silver trays and similar items, and the Junior award trophy.

In this connection, be sure to send in your vote regarding the proposal to make awards in each classification instead of the current system of presenting awards for the best exhibits, regardless of classification. As a word of caution, don't vote without giving this some thought as there are advantages and disadvantages to either method.

Regardless of the procedure chosen, the TNA goal is to develop an exhibit program that will be conducted under rules and regulations that are fair, and impartially applied by competent officials and judges.

When you send in your vote, you might also add a note regarding any individual whom you would like to see as one of the speakers on our educational forum.

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RARE POSTAGE STAMPS—Exhibited as an added gift and rare collection of Maximilian postage stamps. The collection is owned by Dr Philip Rosenheim (right) of Corpus Christi. Posing with Rosenheim are Sam D. Bassous, immediate past vice president of the Texas Chapter of MN&HS and Mrs. Joe V. Frantz of Monessen, Pa.

MUSEUM ITEM—The above trio pose by a coach that was built in Paris, France and shipped to Mexico for the use of Emperor Maximilian. At the left is Sonya P. de Morillon of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico; Don Bailey of Yuma, Ariz. (center) president of the National Maximilian society; and Erma Stevens of Panorama City, Calif. The ladies are past directors of the national society.

CARLOTA MEMENTO — Empress Carlota's handkerchief is exhibited by Associate Professor Robert L. Bridwell of Del Mar College, Corpus Christi. Bridwell teaches the history of Mexico. Brownish tinges of stain appear on this piece of lacework. They resulted from the perfumes used by the empress. The shield woven into the center of the fabric could have belonged to either the royal House of Hapsburgs, or to the Belgium royal family, or to the Empire of Mexico.

DISTINGUISHED PERSONS—Joe V. Frantz (left) of Monessen, Pa., and Joe B. Davis (right) of Corpus Christi are directors in the National Maximilian Society. Davis was the first president of TNA. Manuel E. (Escobedo) Duron (center) is the great-grandson of General Mariano Escobedo.

EXHIBIT PREFERENCE FORM

There has been much discussion regarding exhibits for Texas Numismatic Association. We are now using the system of all exhibits competing against each other, with the exception of juniors.

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There are some who prefer to have the exhibits placed in categories or classifications, probably nine for adults and one for juniors. There would be three awards for each category provided the judges determined there were three exhibits worthy of awards.

1972. Please send in this form with your preference. Please indicate your choice:

..... TNA should continue with its present procedure of judging all competitive exhibits as a group and making awards to the top scoring exhibits without regard to classification.

..... TNA should adopt the procedure of judging competitive exhibits and making awards within each classification.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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SPECIAL USA GUEST—Luis Miranda of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil recently visited the United States and attended a special meeting meeing held by the Texas Chapter of MN&HS. His father is the assistant secretary of the treasury of Brazil. At Miranda's right is Mrs. C. H. Roberts of Corpus Christi, immediate past secretary-treasurer of the Texas Chapter.

CC RESIDENTS—Manuel E. (Escobedo) Duron is the great-grandson of the Mexican General Mariano Escobedo. It was to Escobedo that Maximilian surrendered his sword on May 15, 1867 at the base of El Cerro de las Campanas near Queretaro, Estado de Queretaro. To Duron's left is Mrs. Duron. Miss Carmen Duron, the great, great granddaughter of the general, stands behind her mother. To the right is Miss Delores Duron, adopted daughter of Mr. Duron, and a daughter of Mrs. Duron by a previous marriage. The Durons are residents of Corpus Christi.

NOTED NUMISMATISTS—Pat L. Pace of Brownsville (left) is regarded as a specialist on Mexican coinage. He is a member of both the Texas and National Maximilian Societies. Also pictured is J. B. Parker Jr. of Corpus Christi who is the present president of the Texas Chapter MN&HS.

GRANDSON

Major Alvin E. Naumann (Retired) of Castroville is a grandson of Adolph Plentl who came to Mexico with Emperor Maximilian. Naumann is parliamentarian for TNA.

SECRETARY

Norma Mather of Corpus Christi is the new secretary of the Texas Chapter of Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society and also serves as ANA representative for TNA.

from the secretary

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UNIQUE VASES—John T. Judd of McAllen, Texas, vice president of the Texas Chapter of MN&HS, stands beside the two beautiful vases that were intended as presents for Emperor Maximilian. They were made at the well known pottery center in Majolica, Italy and legend says that they reached Mexico four days after Maximilian's execution. One side of a vase shows Maximilian as a mortal while the other side—as seen in the picture—shows him as an angel. Judd's father acquired the vases from the Customs House when he was employed in Mexico.

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RULER'S WIFE — Carlota, empress of Mexico, was the wife of Emperor Maximilian. The couple was married in 1857 and journeyed to Mexico in 1864. Carlota died in 1927 at age 87 in Belgium. Her health was affected by the many trials and eventual failure of the Mexican enterprise and the execution of Maximilian.

MEXICAN RULER — Emperor Maximilian served as ruler of Mexico from 1864 to 1867. After a stormy period, he was tried by a council of war and was shot on June 19, 1867. Maximilian was born in Vienna, Austria in 1832. His full name was Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph. He is shown in full royal dress.

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Donations of books on coins and currency have been made by members of **Mineral Wells Coin Club** to the Boyce Ditto Municipal Library. Other donations will be made from time to time as they become available.

At the two June meetings auctions were held with benefits going to the club treasury for supplies and rent for the meeting place which is the Crazy Water Hotel.

A certificate of award was presented to J. B. Bowie.—**Mrs. Wm. Rust, Reporter.**

DISTRICT TWO:

H. R. Peppard
Governor

Special invitational cards are being sent to West Texas collectors for the annual coin show hosted by **Odessa Coin Club**. The event will take place September 16-17 at the Inn of the Golden West. Bill Hodges reported on the progress of the show at the June meeting held at Permian Bank & Trust with 47 present.

Sam Robinson gave a talk on South Africa and Ashley Lawson and Rev. Sam Urrate spoke on the current trend of coins and current issues.—**H. R. Peppard, Gov., Dist. 2.**

DISTRICT THREE:

Buz Sawyer
Governor

E. H. Brooks had charge of the program in June at the regular meeting of **Nolan County Coin Club** held at Texas Bank in Sweetwater. Brooks gave a tape recording of "Paper Money Restoration and Reservation."

Twenty-two attended the meeting with special awards given to Henry Cole, Jason Kendrick and Steve Hans.—**David Williams, Sec.**

"U.S. Faceless Coins" was the topic for discussion by Bill Lee for members of **San Angelo Coin Club** meeting at the Town House Motor Hotel. Lee told the group there were only four such coins: the three cent silver, the one cent Flying Eagle, the two cent bronze and the five cent Shield nickel. Dates of issue and pertinent information on each coin was given.

Preceding the adult meeting, the junior members held a session with Ellis Brooks and Morris Isabel assisting. The program was given by Brooks on the 1955 double die cent. Britt Juhlf conducted the auction and the attendance prize was won by Davy Isabel. Steven Miller was to present the program in July. — **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT FOUR:

Ray Kirkpatrick
Governor

Brent Brown gave the program in June for members of the **Waco Coin Club**. His subject was "The Colonial Mints of Central America and the Philippines."

The meeting was held at Texas Power & Light Service Center with 21 present.—**J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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The June meeting of the **Austin Coin Club** was different and interesting when Mr Nygard exhibited a collection of National Bank Notes from central Texas towns, giving some history of the notes. Following the program Nygard entertained the group with his banjo and harp.

A slide set showing from the TNA Memorial Library was planned for the July meeting.

Bob and Gladys Robbins, formerly of Corpus Christi, joined the club. They recently moved to nearby Austin.—**Lyman C. Bartee, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FIVE:

Bob Hewgley
Governor

J. Homer Brooks, general chairman for the recent TNA convention, reported to members of the **Dallas Coin Club** that a profit of $1200 each for the club and TNA had been realized from the convention.

Jack Whitehurst gave the evening's program. He talked about the gold situation and the

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SMU Philatelic Center. He made two significant points about gold—present high price of gold bullion probably will be maintained, and that gold can not be phased out of the international monetary system required for successful foreign trading. Whitehurst described the Southern Methodist University Philatelic Center—a new organization within the local stamp collector community. The objectives of the Center include establishing a philatelic reference center within the University library, provide a vehicle for receipt of legacies and donations, build a collection of reference material and stamps, provide speakers and sponsor instruction classes. Collector participation in Center activities will be mainly through established committees and study groups. He strongly recommended establishment of a parallel numismatic organization.

The meeting was held at the Baker Hotel with 21 present.—**LCdr. C. C. Andrews, Sec.**

RARE ITEM—The bust of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico with his coat of arms above is housed in the National Palace in Mexico City. The coat of arms is found on the reverse of the Maximilian coinage.

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The **Oak Cliff Coin Club** of Dallas recently joined TNA and meetings are held on the third Tuesday at Guardian Savings and Loan building located in the Oak Cliff section at 543 West Jefferson.

The club is now engaged in a membership drive and for more information contact Don Ottensman, Secretary, 12111 Brisbane, Dallas 75234. **—Don Ottensman, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Charlotte Nichols
Governor

Plans are continuing for the first annual coin show to be presented by **Pasadena Numismatic Society** to be held at the Rice Hotel in Houston on August 11-13. A special invitation has been extended to the Honorable John B. Connally, former Secretary of the Treasury, to attend the show.

Gerald Kendall recently gave a program on early Roman days and discussed the coins of the 12 Caesars. For the June meeting a slide set program was planned on gold coins furnished by the TNA Memorial Li-

brary.

The club meets at Warren's Coins, 2125 Strawberry in Pasadena.—**Club Bulletin.**

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La Marque Coin Club has had two interesting programs for June. On June 1 the club held a white elephant auction with all proceeds going to the club. Most in demand was a TV lamp in working condition. A. A. Graf and Hugh Threlkeld were top bidders with Hugh getting "the rooster."

COIN SHOW SITE—The first annual coin show hosted by the Pasadena Numismatic Society will be held in the Rice Hotel August 11-13. The main entrance of the hotel provides a glimpse of the traditional atmosphere of the famous convention headquarters. The location, at Main Street and Texas Avenue in Houston, has been used exclusively as a hotel site continuously since 1839. The first hotel to occupy the site was the Capitol Hotel, which earlier was the Capitol Building of the Republic of Texas when Sam Houston was president and the City of Houston was the capitol of the young nation. The Rice has been extensively remodeled in the past several years. The Pasadena Society expect dealers and collectors from across the nation plus exhibits by Society members. The Rice Hotel will also be the site for the 1974 convention of Texas Numismatic Assn.

On June 15 Threlkeld had the program and talked on Panama. He showed his crowns from this country and told the life story of Balboa. His likeness appears on Panamanian coins from 1904 to date.

Mrs. Eleanor Lehmann reported that 36 boxes of handi-note stationery had been sold and another order is being sent in. This has been a successful project.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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The regular meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was held in June at Nessler Civic Center.

Mrs. Eleanor Lehmann of La Marque was the speaker and a guest of the club. She talked on metals money is made of. On display she had specimens of low grade copper used in making copper cents; high grade silver ore used in making half dollars, quarters and dimes; low grade silver and copper used in making the 5-cent pieces; and gold ore use in gold coins. Mrs. Lehmann has been to the mines in South Dakota and watched the process used in mining the ore. She also had a sample of the white rock crystal found in plentiful amounts in Canada.

Claude Ressler presented Mrs. Lehmann a TNA achievement award for giving the program.

It was reported that Mark Varnidore, past president of the club, had passed away in Clear Water, Fla.

Plans for the July meeting called for a covered dish supper and games night.—**Ruby Threlkeld, Re**

porter.

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The Pasadena Coin Club will sponsor the 12th annual coin show on December 2-3. The bourse chairman is George Morton and for further information he may be contacted at 2958 Dragonwick, Houston 77045.—Pat Allison, Sec.

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

Helen Floerke
Governor

A numismatic quiz was conducted by Jeff Thrasher for members of Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi at the June 20 meeting held in the Humble Conference Room, Wilson Tower. Questions were taken from the "Red Book."

General Show Chairman Clarence Davis announced that Fred Floerke would act as bourse chairman for the October 21-22 coin show to be held at the Memorial Coliseum. Helen Floerke will be in charge of exhibits. —Club Bulletin.

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DISTRICT NINE:

D. O. Joplin
Governor

Junior members of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock had charge of the June meeting held at Garden & Arts Center. D. O. Joplin announced the "Club Salute" contest and urged the club to enter. He also announced that Wally Gilmore, TNA librarian,

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Bryan Steger gave a quiz on the mints and dates of issue of United States coins.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.**

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Members of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield voted to enter the "Club Salute" contest sponsored by TNA. The group of 27 met at the Reddy Room on June 27. D. O. Joplin reported on the illness of Wally Gilmore, TNA librarian.

New officers have been elected to serve the club and include Larry Sanders, president, Earnest Mills, vice president; Dorthey Singer, secretary; and Gus Clark, treasurer.

Alton Logsdon was presented a TNA achievement certificate for a program presented on U.S. currency.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.**

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The June meeting of **Levelland Coin Club**, with six attending, was held at the Chamber of Commerce building. D. O. Joplin read a letter from Ed Rochette, executive secretary of ANA, confirming E. L. Pitzer as club representative to ANA. Joplin also announced the illness of Wally Gilmore and that the club would send a greeting card to him.

A slide set program was planned for the July meeting, the set being furnished by the TNA Memorial Library.—**D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.**

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CARLOTA'S MAID—The lady pictured was one of the maids who served Empress Carlota during their stay in Mexico. She is the great-grandmother of Mrs. Manuel E. (ESCOBEDO) Duron of Corpus Christi, Texas. Her name is unknown so she is referred to as the mother of Elojia Davalos, Mrs. Duron's grandmother. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Manuel E. Duron.)

DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

W. C. Williams
Governor

The **Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club** met for the regular meeting at YMCA with Rev. E. S. Poore president, conducting the meeting.

Col. Dan C. Shiderly program chairman, presented a slide program from the American Topical Association entitled "Flags on Stamps."

The monthly auction has proved to be of great interest. The lots are on display before the meeting begins. Each month, members wanting certain coins are listed along with the lots for sale and sent out with the monthly bulletins. W. C. Wil-

hams and Bern Fossum were in charge of the auction.—**Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

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DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

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John L. Chisum
Governor

Twenty - nine members of the **Harlingen Coin Club** attended the July 3 meeting when plans were discussed for the annual coin show. The event will be held in November with dates and place to be announced later. The meeting was held at the First National Bank.

The membership prize for the August meeting was to be $6.00 in cash plus a numismatic item.—**Oneta Grisham, Reporter.**

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Mr and Mrs. John L. Chisum hosted a barbecue supper for members of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at the Chisum's "Rock Shop" in Pharr. A short business meeting was held followed by numismatic games. **--Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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Members of the **South Texas Error Club** held their June meeting at Chisum's Rock Shop in Pharr and the group participated in a special program.

Club President L. G. Davenport brought minor mint errors appearing on Lincoln cents and numbers were drawn to determine who had first choice, second, etc. Each one was asked to identify the error on the chosen coin. A discussion of various error finds followed.—**Oneta**

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A discussion was held on the new 25-peso coin of Mexico with the portrait of Benito Juarez at the June meeting of **Brownsville Coin Club.** Seventeen attended the meeting.

Members met at the First National Bank and welcomed a new member, William J. Inmon of Brownsville.—**Oneta Grisham, Treas.**

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John L. Chisum presented the program for members of the **San Benito Coin Club** held June 8 at Palmville Recreation Center.

Chisum spoke on "Counterfeit Coins" with emphasis on the 1939D and 1950D Jefferson nickels.

Ten attended the meeting.—**Oneta Grisham, Pres.**

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New officers were elected at the June meeting of the **Port Isabel Coin Club** held at the Sea Island Motel on Padre Island.

John L. Chisum was elected president Don Pruitt, vice president; and Ethel Morgan, secretary-treasurer.

A discussion was held on the annual coin show to be held at the Sea Island on September 24. The July membership prize was to be a numismatic item plus $8.00 cash.—**Oneta Grisham, Reporter.**

NEW OFFICERS — Members of the Port Isabel Coin Club elected new officers at the June meeting. John L. Chisum, right, will serve as president; Don Pruitt, vice president; and Ethel Morgan, secretary-treasurer. The club meets the second Sunday of each month at the Sea Island Motel on Padre Island. 1972 events include a coin show on September 24.

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John L. Chisum was elected as the new president of **Willacy County Coin Club** at the June meeting with 15 members present. The meeting was held at the Dew Drop Inn in Lyford.

Assisting Chisum will be Robert C. Dedmon, vice president; and Oneta Grisham, secretary-treasurer. —**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**

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DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

Jerry Williams
Governor

Shirley Williams was the winner of the recent membership drive conducted by the **Beaumont Coin Club** signing up seven of the 14 new members welcomed into the club. Shirley's prize was a $5 gold piece.

At the June meeting, with 44 present C. L. Babcock was appointed ANA club representative and Club President Ray Beck gave a short program on "Did Ja Know."

Victor Butts gave a talk on Olympic coins. He stated that the coins where the Olympics have been held are struck by different countries. He told how he started his exhibit, how he went from the bottom to receiving Best in Show when showing his display. The club wished Victor luck on exhibiting at the ANA convention and also in his attempts to get a coin struck for the 1976 Olympics which are to be held in the U.S.—**Shirley Williams, Reporter.**

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Joe O'Neal, president of the Port

Arthur Coin Club, reported on the third annual CavOilCade hobby show to be held October 28-29 at OCAW Hall in Port Arthur. He announced that a 1973 Chevrolet will be given away at the show. The club met at the M & R Coin Shop with 18 present.

Jerry Williams was appointed as ANA club representative. Mrs. Molly Gerald gave a program on "Did Ja Know." Richard Krummel conducted the auction.—**Shirley Williams, Reporter.**

EVENTS CALENDAR —

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MARCH 24-25

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, Lubbock, annual show. Details later.

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MARCH 30, 31-APRIL 1

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. 15th convention. Convention Center, Fort Worth. Write Col. Raymond Darrah, 3813 Winslow Dr., Ft. Worth 76109.

New Red Book

The popular "Red Book" (1973 edition) on United States coins is now on the numismatic market for collectors. Written by R. S. Yeoman, "Guide Book of United States Coins," is regarded as the bible of the coin collecting hobby. It is published annually by Western Publishing Co., Inc. and the price is $2.50.

The new edition has been improved in a number of ways. There are price revisions in almost every series, new photographs, and better arrangement of listings in certain sections. A nine-page study of the Morgan Dollar series covering the last 25 years has been added as an editorial feature.

WHEN & WHERE?

Many requests have been received for a listing on Texas coin clubs as to when and where they meet. Many of our members travel a great deal and plans could include a visit to a coin club if they had the proper information. We will list different clubs each month. If your club welcomes visitors, let us know when and where the meetings are held.

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GREENBELT COIN CLUB

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OAK CLIFF COIN CLUB

3rd Tues., Guardian Savings & Loan Bldg., Dallas.

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FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

1st Thurs., Guase-Ware 1879 Room.

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SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB

2nd Tues., Municipal Garden & Arts Center, Lubbock.

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1st Tues., Abilene Savings Assn., Abilene.

1972 Bibliography

Al Almanzar of San Antonio has announced the release of "Latin American Numismatic Bibliography - 1972" written by him and considered a must for the Latin American collector.

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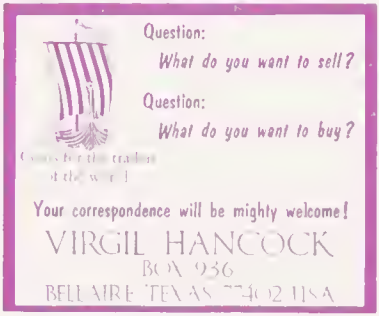

Mrs. Allen Dies

Mrs. Louella Allen of Dickinson died at St Mary's Hospital in Galveston on May 27. She was a member of the La Marque Coin Club and until her illness never missed a meeting and was faithful in helping the club in any way she could.

Mrs. Allen is survived by a son, three grandchildren and other relatives. Services were held at Howell Memorial Methodist Church with burial in Dickinson Cemetery.

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CLUB SALUTE!

Texas Numismatic Association wishes to honor its chapter members so the Governing Board has established a new award to salute the three top clubs of Texas. The awards will be made annually at the Governors' and Club Representatives' breakfast during TNA conventions. The CLUB SALUTE AWARD will carry first, second and third honors. Clubs participating must be TNA members in good standing.

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